

1 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
2 DISTRICT OF NEVADA

3 Raul Gonzalez,  
4 Petitioner

5 v.

6 Warden William Gittere, et al.,  
7 Respondents

Case No.: 2:24-cv-00816-JAD-EJY

**Order Confirming Counsel for Petitioner  
and Setting Briefing Schedule**

[ECF No. 6]

8 Assistant Federal Public Defender C.B. Kirschner, Esq. has now made an appearance on  
9 behalf of Petitioner Raul Gonzalez.<sup>1</sup> Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

- 10 1. The Federal Public Defender, through **C.B. Kirschner, Esq., is appointed as**  
11 **counsel for Petitioner Raul Gonzalez**<sup>2</sup> in all federal proceedings related to this  
12 matter, including any appeals or certiorari proceedings, unless allowed to withdraw.
- 13 2. **Petitioner has 90 days** from entry of this order **to file an amended petition or seek**  
14 **other appropriate relief.** This deadline and any extension thereof may not be  
15 construed as implied findings regarding the federal limitation period or a basis for  
16 tolling. Petitioner at all times remains responsible for calculating the running of the  
17 federal limitation period and timely asserting claims, without regard to any court-  
18 ordered deadlines or extensions. Thus, a petition or amended petition filed within a  
19 court-ordered deadline may still be dismissed as untimely if it violates the statute of  
20 limitations.<sup>3</sup>

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22 <sup>1</sup> ECF No. 6.

23 <sup>2</sup> 18 U.S.C. § 3006A(a)(2)(B).

<sup>3</sup> See *Sossa v. Diaz*, 729 F.3d 1225, 1235 (9th Cir. 2013).

- 1 3. The respondents must file a **response to the amended petition, including**  
2 **potentially by motion to dismiss, within 60 days of service of an amended**  
3 **petition.** Petitioner may file a **reply within 30 days** of service of the answer.  
4 However, Local Rule LR 7-2(b) governs the response and reply time to any motion  
5 filed by either party, including motions filed in lieu of a pleading.
- 6 4. Any procedural defenses the respondents raise to the counseled amended petition  
7 must be raised together in a single, consolidated motion to dismiss. Successive  
8 motions to dismiss will not be entertained, and any procedural defenses omitted from  
9 the consolidated motion to dismiss will be waived. The respondents may not file a  
10 response that consolidates their procedural defenses, if any, with their response on the  
11 merits. But arguments that an unexhausted claim clearly lacks merit may be included  
12 a procedural-defense response. If the respondents seek dismissal of unexhausted  
13 claims under 28 U.S.C. § 2254(b)(2) they must: (1) do so in a single motion to  
14 dismiss, not in the answer; and (2) specifically direct their argument to the standard  
15 for dismissal under § 2254(b)(2) as set forth in *Cassett v. Stewart*.<sup>4</sup> In short, no  
16 procedural defenses, including exhaustion, may be included with the merits in an  
17 answer. All procedural defenses, including exhaustion, must be raised in a single  
18 motion to dismiss.
- 19 5. In any answer filed on the merits, the respondents must specifically cite to and  
20 address the applicable state court written decision and state court record materials, if  
21 any, regarding each claim within the response as to that claim.
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<sup>4</sup> *Cassett v. Stewart*, 406 F.3d 614, 623–24 (9th Cir. 2005).

- 1 6. The respondents must file the state-court exhibits relevant to their response in
- 2 chronological order.
- 3 7. All state court records, and related exhibits must be filed in accordance with LR IA
- 4 10-3 and LR IC 2-2 and include a separate index identifying each exhibit by number
- 5 or letter. The index must be filed in CM/ECF's document upload screen as the base
- 6 document to receive the base docket number (*e.g.*, ECF No. 10). Each exhibit must
- 7 then be filed as an "attachment" to the base document to receive a sequenced sub-
- 8 docket number (*e.g.*, Exhibit A (ECF No. 10-1), Exhibit B (ECF No. 10-2), Exhibit C
- 9 (ECF No. 10-3), and so forth). If the exhibits will span more than one filing, the base
- 10 document in each successive filing must be either a copy of the index or volume
- 11 cover page.<sup>5</sup>
- 12 8. Notwithstanding LR IC 2-2(g), paper copies of any electronically filed exhibits need
- 13 not be provided to chambers or to the staff attorney, unless later directed by the court.
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U.S. District Judge Jennifer A. Dorsey  
Dated: June 18, 2024

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<sup>5</sup> See LR IC 2-2(a)(3)(A).